

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-22, 24 and 25 are pending in the application. Claims 12, 22, 24 and 25 have been amended. Claim 23 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 6-21 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,754,885 to Dardinski et al., hereafter Dardinski, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,449,624 to Hammack et al., hereafter Hammack.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1, amended independent claim 12 and independent claim 18 recite a combination of automatically and manually setting version numbers. Neither Dardinski nor Hammack discloses or teaches this combination in a versioning control system. Therefore, the rejection is mistaken as to independent claims 1 and 18 and obviated by the amendment as to amended independent claim 12.

In particular, independent claim 1 recites “automatically or manually setting a version number of a first object of said objects, depending on said selected and enabled source control level”. The phrase “depending on said selected and enabled source control level” qualifies the disjunctive. Thus, a reference or combination of references that teach manual or automatic version numbering, but not both, do not teach the claimed invention. Both Dardinski and Hammack disclose automatic version numbering, but do not disclose manual version numbering. The Examiner admits that Dardinski does not teach the above noted recital but notes that Hammack does, citing column 11, lines 34-44. This citation deals with user selection of manual or automatic check-in and checkout, and not with manual and automatic version numbering. Therefore, the combination of Dardinski and Hammack does not disclose or teach the above noted recital of independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 3 and 6-11.

Independent claim 12 has been amended to recite, “wherein version numbers are set manually and automatically in said first and second source control levels, respectively”. For the reason set forth above in the discussion of independent claim 1, the combination of Dardinski and Hammack does not disclose or teach the above noted recital of amended independent claim 12 and its dependent claims 13-17.

Independent claim 18 recites:

“providing a user-enterable version number when said first object is stored, if said selection is a first source control level of said plurality of source control levels; and
providing an automatically incremented version number when said first object is stored, if said selection is a second source control level of said plurality of source control levels, wherein said first object is a control strategy loadable to said controller to provide said process control”.

For the reason set forth above in the discussion of independent claim 1, the combination of Dardinski and Hammack does not disclose or teach the above noted recital of independent claim 18 and its dependent claims 19-21.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is erroneous (claims 1-4, 6-11 and 18-21) or obviated by the amendment (claims 12-17) and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 22-25 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over Dardinski in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0156710 to Cronce, hereafter Cronce, and further in view of Hammack.

This rejection is moot as to claim 23, which has been canceled.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Independent claims 22, 24 and 25 have been amended to recite the combination of automatically and manually setting version numbers. As noted above in the discussion of independent claim 1, neither Dardinski nor Hammack discloses or teaches this combination in a versioning control system. Therefore, the rejection is obviated by the amendment.

In particular, independent claim 22 has been amended to recite, “wherein version numbers are set automatically in said control levels of full and basic and manually in said control level of none”. Independent claim 24 has been amended to recite, “wherein version numbers are set manually and automatically in said source control levels of none and basic, respectively”. Independent claim 25 has been amended to recite, “setting a version number for said first object based on a user-enterable number if said full control level is not licensed and if said basic control level is not selected”.

As noted above in the discussion of independent claim 1, neither Dardinski nor Hammack discloses or teaches this combination of automatically and manually setting version numbers in a versioning control system. Cronic merely discloses a licensing method for a software package, but does not disclose or teach the above noted deficiency of the combination of Dardinski and Hammack. Therefore, the combination of Dardinski, Hammack and Cronic does not teach the recited manual and automatic version numbering as recited in amended independent claims 22, 24 and 25.

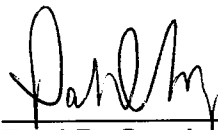
Independent claim 22 has also been amended to recite, “setting said control level of support to none as a default”. This step was previously recited in canceled claim 23. Neither Cronic, Dardinski nor Hammack discloses or teaches this step.

For the reason set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 22, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is obviated by the amendment and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth above that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn, that claims 1-4, 6-22, 24 and 25 be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

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